

Title (en)

Apparatus and method for enhancing audio quality using non-uniform configuration of microphones

Title (de)

Vorrichtung und Verfahren zur Verbesserung der Audioqualität mithilfe einer nicht einheitlichen Konfiguration von Mikrofonen

Title (fr)

Appareil et procédé d'amélioration de la qualité audio utilisant une configuration non uniforme de microphones

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Abstract (en)

An audio quality enhancing apparatus and method is provided in which a microphone array has a non-uniform configuration and thus a beam pattern of a desired direction is obtained in a wide range of frequencies including higher frequency bands and lower frequency bands even when the microphone array is relatively small. The audio quality enhancing apparatus includes at least three microphones which are disposed in a non-uniform configuration, a frequency conversion unit configured to transform acoustic signals input from the at least three microphones to acoustic signals of frequency domain; a band division and merging unit configured to divide frequencies of the transformed acoustic signals into bands based on intervals between the at least three microphones and to merge the acoustic signals in the frequency domain into signals of two channels based on the divided frequency bands; and a two channel beamforming unit configured to reduce noise of signals including input from a direction other than the direction of a target sound by performing beamforming on the signals of the two channels and to output the noise-reduced signals.

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